> Prim urn Graius homo mortales tcndcre contra JSstocuios ausus, primusque obsistere cotitra; Quern nee lama dcnm nee fulmina, nee minitanti Murmure compressit coelum, &c.

xxi. That it is also the interest of civil sovereigns and of all commonwealths, that there should neither be Deity nor religion, the Demo-critic Atheists would persuade in this manner: A body politic or commonwealth is made up of parts, that are all naturally dissociated from one 'another,-by reason of that principle of private self-love, who therefore can be no otherwise held together than by fear. Now, if there be any greater fear than the fear of the leviathan, and civil representative, the whole structure and machine of this great coloss must «eeds fall a-pieces and tumble down. The civil sovereign reigns only in fear; wherefore, unless his fear be the king and sovereign of all fears, his empire and dominion ceases. But, as the rod. of Moses devoured the rods of the magicians, so certainly will the fear of an omnipotent Deity, that can punish with eternal torments after death/ quite swallow up and devour that comparatively petty fear of civil sovereigns, and consequently destroy the being of commonwealths, which have DO foundation in nature, but are mere artificial things, made by the enchantment and magical art of policy. Wherefore, it is well observed by a modem writer, That men ought not to suffer themselves to be abused by the doctrine of separated essences and incorporeal substances (such as God and the soul), built upon the vain philosophy of Aristotle, that would fright men from obeying the laws of their country, with empty names (as